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Precedent Gives Willard Right to Year's Lay-Off, but Jeffries Proved Himself Novelty as Defender of Championship.

## By Vincent Treanor.

THE statement from the Willard manager that big Jess will not fight for a year, followed by the report that he may be seen in a ring about a month after the summer is a precedent to mind the fact that Jeffries was a wonder as a defender of the title when he held it. No heavyweight champion since Sullivan has been able to knock out a big man within five months after defeating him at Coney Island. In June, 1913, Jeff lost and was knocked out at Coney Island in a twenty-five round bout, and his manager later knocked out the re-named Jim Corbett. Then followed Sam Green, Joe Kennedy and the Dubliner, all in 1914, making six losses within two years. The following year Jeffries took on Fitzsimmons, beat him this time in eight rounds, and then Corbett another round, putting him to sleep in ten rounds.

NO one appeared to have a chance of beating Jeff, after the defeat of Corbett, until Jack Munroe, the minor, jumped into fame by engaging four rounds with him. This happened in one of those stage exhibitions in 1903 at Butte, when Jeff was on tour guaranteeing to stop all comers. Reports of the bout actually gave Munroe the better of it, saying he had floored Jeff, and the bulky minor traveled on a big reputation until he was matched with and met the champion in a serious bout on Aug. 23, 1904. That Jeff had the minor's number was indicated by the scene in Munroe's dressing room as preparations were made to enter the ring. As the summons reached Munroe he got up and asked his chief second and adviser, Kid McCoy: "Cheer up," said McCoy, "you're not going to the electric chair." Poor Munroe couldn't cheer up. He went into the ring and was knocked cold in two rounds.

Munroe afterward came East and fought many good battles with the heavyweights of the time and stopped Tom Sharkey over in Philadelphia.

A defender of his title Jeffries had it on both Corbett and Fitzsimmons. For instance, won his honors from John L. Sept. 7, 1912, and didn't defend them in a championship contest until Jan. 25, 1914, when he knocked out Charley Mitchell of England in three rounds. Fitz laid off two years before he stated the title, which came to him with the defeat of Corbett at Coney Island March 11, 1914. Johnson, too, also enjoyed a long rest and raked in the shekels for some time before he took a serious chance, admitting the example set by Jeffries, and when the president of Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Johnson, Willard seems entitled to a chance at money making in a theoretical line, and the net result is a condition that he get practically nothing for beating Johnson.

It is a fact that a \$5,000 check on his way home from the fight, but this was more of a present than anything else. Willard, according to agreement, was to have received a percentage of the net result. As the expenses of staging the fight about equaled the receipts.

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Marquard's No-Hit Game  
Makes Giant Players Feel  
They're on Way to Pennant

And Besides Rube's Purchase of a Box of Silk Shirts Is a Good Omen.

## By Bozeman Bulger.

RUBE MARQUARD went out last night and bought six silk shirts of daring pattern and that, more than his no-hit game performance, means to the Giants that he is back on his second trip to the Hall of Fame. While winning his nineteenth straight victory and establishing a record two years ago Richard de Marquis was the largest individual silk shirt buyer in New York, to say nothing of slippers, pajamas, socks and ties. By his teammates the Rube was led to believe that he was the greatest pitcher living and, as his fancy naturally turned to these things, he indulged himself profusely. Stripped down to his undershirt, he made Beau Brummel look like a scrub.

But as the pitching prowess of de Marquis began to wane the silk gradually changed to ordinary madras, he never took off his coat and the doors to the Hall of Fame closed with a click. His Giant teammates saw no hope. But, gentlemen, you may take it from an oldtimer in the lookout chair, the reformation is complete. With a no-hit game to Marquard's credit and a box of silk shirts under his arm the Giants feel themselves on the way to the pennant.

"I knew it was coming right at the end of the opening game," said Chief Meyer, when Larry Doyle, after losing those five wallops, flashed a fancy shirt on Marquard with a nifty monogram stitched to the lower end of the bosom instead of the arm. Marquard got ambitious and wanted a fancy shirt on Marquard with a nifty monogram stitched to the lower end of the bosom instead of the arm.

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ST. LOUIS April 16.—Eddie Camp of San Francisco outpointed Frankie Burns of Jersey City in a fast eight-round bout last night.

Leach Cross Has  
Mohr Hanging  
On at the Finish

WATERBURY, Conn., April 16.—Leach Cross of New York defeated Walter Mohr of Brooklyn here last night in a slashing fifteen-round bout. Mohr was on the aggressive in the first few rounds, but Cross pounded him about the face and body and had him holding in the last few rounds. Cross used his left to good advantage and jabbed Mohr's face, cutting his lips considerably. Mohr also jabbed Cross, but Leach seemed to pay little attention to his blows.

Al Shubert of New Bedford and Buddy Faulkes of this city boxed a fast six-round draw.

400 Golfers Open Season  
At Van Cortlandt Park

The Course Vastly Improved, Thanks to Commissioner Whittle's Efforts.

ABOUT 400 golfers opened the season for the public links at Van Cortlandt Park. The golfing public, the rich and poor, old and young, men and women, met on a common footing for the day, impatient to play a round over the new course and to enjoy once again the thrill of getting off a good drive.

There was no ceremony on the opening. Thomas W. Whittle, Park Commissioner of the Bronx, whose untiring efforts have made Van Cortlandt the finest public links in the country, was to have driven the first ball off, but was detained in his office by department business. In the absence of any other luminary the early arrivals simply stepped to the first tee and took a wallop.

That was the opening of a season in which probably a hundred thousand rounds of golf will be played over the public links.

For this year's play the course has been vastly improved, thanks to Commissioner Whittle. At present there are a number of private clubs in the country that would pride themselves on having their links the equal of Van Cortlandt Park.

Since last season the two biggest changes on the public course have been the rearranging of the tenth and eleventh holes. Then, the entire course has been improved and every trap re-mended.

The old bunkers that formerly made the first tee unpleasant to the eye have been removed, and one now gets a clear line for the opening shot. The marsh land in the middle of the fairway to the second hole—remember how the balls used to stick in that spot?—has been filled in and drained. The section of the bunker toward the railroad tracks has been taken down and the entire fairway made into one, long level sweep.

Then, again, there have been a series of small traps placed around the fifth green and the old stone bunker made less troublesome. The new tenth hole now measures 150 yards. Its feature is a fine sloping

FED PARK CLUB WOULD  
PAY JESS \$25,000 FOR BOUT

Boxing bouts will be held at the Federal League ball park in Brooklyn, if present plans go through. Jimmy Twyfard, who used to manage the club at the Claremont rink, has just concluded negotiations with Dick Carroll, business manager of the Brookfords, for the use of the park for boxing this summer. Twyfard plans to open his club on Memorial Day. His backer is Charlie Goodie, a wealthy sporting man of Jersey City. Twyfard is to apply for a license in a week. He will probably name the new club the Washington Park Boxing Club. Twyfard says he is going to offer Jess Willard \$25,000 to box Jim Corbett at the inaugural show, and that he is ready to post \$5,000 in cash to bind the match just as soon as Willard puts his signature to a contract.

Kelley and Drew Coming Here. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 16.—Fred Kelley, the high jumper, expects to start Sunday with his teammate, Howard Drew, to compete in the Pennsylvania relay races at Philadelphia, despite the fact that Kelley was spiked badly in the left foot in practice several days ago. Drew will represent the University of Southern California at the Philadelphia meet.

Baseball, Polo Grounds to-day. 8.30 P. M. Glavin vs. Brooklyn.—4.30.

Bicycle Track Latest Plan  
To Make Old Sheepshead  
Sporting Centre of East

Auto Racing and Boxing, Too, Among Possibilities of Place Where Horse Held Sway.

ALTHOUGH the thoroughbred have raced for the last time at Sheepshead Bay, that section of Greater New York will retain its popularity as a sport centre. When work on the various enterprises planned for that vicinity is completed, Sheepshead Bay will be the Monte Carlo of sports in the East. In addition to the \$1,000,000 stadium that will replace the race track there will be erected within a stone's throw of the course a bicycle track, where all the leading cyclists and motor-paced riders of the world will appear, beginning May 22. Work on the track has already been started.

The Sheepshead Bay track stadium will afford an arena where the leading game of polo will be played. Because of the seating capacity it will be roomy enough to accommodate upward of 200,000 people; it means also that the big football games will some day be decided at the Bay, and if the baseball team were to play the World's Series here everybody could see the games at "two bits" a head. Here, too, one

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